

Pennsylvania Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

What Is CREP?

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal/state partnership with a goal of enrolling 100,000 acres of highly erodible cropland and pasture in conservation plantings to improve water quality and provide improved wildlife and fisheries habitat.



What Land Is Eligible?

All cropland or marginal pasture within 180 feet of a stream is eligible. Highly erodible cropland farther than 180 feet from a stream may also be eligible.

How Will I Benefit From CREP?

CREP pays you to put conservation cover plantings on your land. CREP annual rental rates for non-production are paid according to soil types beginning at \$55 per acre and going higher. You will also receive cost-share to establish the conservation cover and some one-time bonus payments are available for specific practices.

What Are My Obligations?

Farmers and landowners must agree to establish and maintain grass, shrubs, or trees for the life of the contract (10-15 years). No harvesting is allowed unless for emergency purposes as declared by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Once cover is established, no maintenance mowing is permitted during the primary nesting season of April 1-July 15.

Benefits of CREP

Improved Water Quality
Improved Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat
Reduced Soil Erosion
Increased Farm Income on Marginal Land

Will My Land Be Open To Public Access?

No, public access is not a condition of CREP. You maintain control of your land except for USDA access to inspect for contract compliance.

How Do I Participate?

Signups began June 1, 2000 and will continue through at least 2001.

Contact your local USDA Service Center or the CREP specialist listed on the back of this flier.

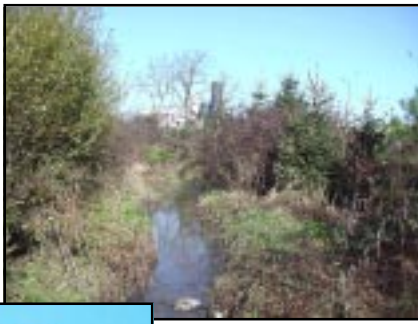
Eligible Practices Under CREP

- Planting Cool Season Grasses and Legumes (CP1)
- Planting Native Warm Season Grasses (CP2)
- Planting Hardwood Trees (CP3A)
- Establishing Wildlife Habitat (CP4D)
- Installing a Grassed Waterway (CP8A)
- Developing a Shallow Water Area For Wildlife (CP9)
- Establishing Wildlife Food Plots (ex. annual grains) (CP12)
- Establishing Contour Grass Buffer Strips (CP15A)
- Establishing Filter Strips Next to Streams (CP21)
- Developing Forested Riparian Buffers Next to Streams (CP22)
- Restoring Wetlands (CP23)
- Maintaining Established Grasses (CP10)

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